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Report on Celebration of World Fisheries Day – 2025 on 21.11.2025

World Fisheries Day, observed every November 21st., is a Global Event that underscores the critical importance of sustainable fisheries and the need to protect aquatic ecosystems and the livelihoods of fishing communities.

The Day originated in 1997 when the "World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers" convened in New Delhi. During this meeting, representatives from 18 countries came together to establish the "World Fisheries Forum" and signed a declaration advocating for adopting sustainable fishing practices and policies worldwide. The day raises awareness about the various threats facing the world's fisheries, including overfishing, habitat destruction, and illegal fishing practices, while also advocating for the rights of small-scale fishers, who are often among the most marginalized and vulnerable groups worldwide.

In India, World Fisheries Day takes on special significance, given the country's vital role in global fisheries and aquaculture. As the 3rd. largest fish producer, 2nd. largest aquaculture nation in the World after China and the largest producer of shrimp, India contributes significantly to both domestic food security and the global seafood market.

The Indian fisheries sector not only supports the livelihoods of around 30 million people, especially in coastal and rural communities, but it also holds immense potential for growth, job creation, and rural development. In recent years, Indian fisheries have experienced a significant shift, moving from a marine-dominated sector to a greater focus on inland fisheries. The contribution of inland fisheries to total fish production has risen dramatically in India. Within this shift, there has been a notable transition from capture fisheries to culture based (or aquaculture) practices, which has played a key role in driving the growth of a sustainable blue economy.

On World Fisheries Day, India joins the global call for action to promote sustainable fisheries practices, protect marine environments, and empower fishing communities, reinforcing its leadership in the sector and its dedication to safeguarding the future of global seafood production.

Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Birbhum organized the celebration of World Fisheries Day – 2025 on 21.11.2025 on the Theme: - "Sustainable Fishing Practices for a Thriving and Eco-Friendly Fisheries Sector" as Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi has had pointed out, "To me the Blue Chakra or wheel in India's national flag represents the potential of Blue Revolution or the Ocean Economy. That is how central the ocean economy is to us."

The On Campus Programme on that said Day was attended by 65 Numbers of Students (Male Students – 49 Numbers and Female Students – 16 Numbers) of Rural Agricultural Work Experience (RAWE) Course of 7th. Semester B. Sc. Honours Agriculture Degree Programme being conducted by Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati.

The Off Campus Programme regarding Celebration of World Fisheries Day – 2025 on 21.11.2025 was attended by 75 Numbers of Fish Farmers (Male Farmers – 49 Numbers and Female Farmers – 16 Numbers) of Birbhum District at Village: - Tiltukary, Gram Panchayat – Kurumba, Block – Labpur through an Information, Knowledge and Skill Development Training Programme on Scientific Fish farming Practices conducted by Shri Asim Kumar Giri, Subject Matter Specialist (Fishery), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

The Programme was initiated and conducted by Shri Asim Kumar Giri, Subject Matter Specialist (Fishery), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati with an aim to create awareness about sustainable fisheries practices and to promote the socio-economic development of fish farmers through scientific aquaculture practices.

Shri Asim Kumar Giri, Subject Matter Specialist (Fishery), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati interacting the Participants of World Fisheries Day – 2025 on 21.11.2025 at Rathindra KVK, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati



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Shri Asim Kumar Giri, Subject Matter Specialist (Fishery), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati conducting an Information, Knowledge and Skill Development Training Programme on Scientific Fish farming Practices on World Fisheries Day – 2025 on 21.11.2025



Shri Asim Kumar Giri, Subject Matter Specialist (Fishery), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati with Trainees of an Information, Knowledge and Skill Development Training Programme on Scientific Fish farming Practices on World Fisheries Day – 2025 on 21.11.2025

